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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held last evening in the Club Pavilion, Mr. R. Hancock (President) in the chair.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee, in its annual report, stated that 55 new playing members, 3 non-playing members and 75 subscribers joined during the twelve months. The pitch has again to be re-turfed to a large extent, owing to the lack of rain to offset the hard wear during the season.

The Club successfully ran two eleven's, the first playing 27 matches, winning 13, losing 8 and drawing 6. The second eleven played 18, won 8, lost 9 and drew 1. The Triangular Tournament at Christmas was a marked success and it was hoped that this tournament would become a permanent fixture for Christmas week. The annual tournament was again a successful meeting and the net receipts were \$1827.91, showing an increase of \$106.57 over the previous year.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, The Club has once again had a very successful financial year, and beaten last year's record. The accounts, I think, call for very little explanation from me, but there are one or two points I wish to refer to. You will notice that entrance fees, for the first time, do not appear in profit and loss account, your Committee thinking that these should be treated as a capital item and transferred direct to the balance sheet. As we hope to see our present pavilion soon demolished, we have written off the last \$1,000. We are told by our architects, who are building the new pavilion, that we shall get nothing for the old building; it will just about pay the contractors for pulling it down, and clearing up the debris. We have written down our furniture, fixtures, gear, etc., to \$100, as none of the furniture or fixtures will be used for the new pavilion. Our subscriptions have increased by over \$1,000 and were \$17,900 in excess of our working expenses, a very sound state of affairs. The item of \$255 in the profit and loss account—expenses in issuing debentures—is, of course, non-recurring. Sundry debtors' account is, I am sorry to say, considerably larger than last year, but all accounts are I think good. We have, as you will see, over \$44,000 on fixed deposit in the Bank, and \$839 in current account—this, after paying out \$12,505 instalments for the new pavilion, and I think you will all agree that we are in a very healthy position. Seeing that we have available funds in hand your Committee has decided to pay off 80 debentures, and the drawing will take place immediately after this meeting. I shall, later on, propose when the accounts before you have passed, that we transfer \$2,000 from reserve to debentures redemption fund. We had a successful cricket season, and the Club ran two eleven's, the first eleven playing 27 matches and the second eleven eighteen. Mr. Mitchell heads the batting averages of the first eleven with 35.92, and Mr. E. C. Lammer the bowling with 12.60. Whilst Mr. Benson is top of the second eleven batting with an average of 23.50 and Mr. Hope the bowling with the excellent average of 5.68. As you know we are looking forward to a visit from Shanghai early next month—and we hoped the Straits would also send a team up here at the same time. Unfortunately, we have received definite advice that the latter are unable to come. We have very pleasant recollections of their last visit, and are exceedingly sorry we are not to have the pleasure of welcoming them here this year. Invitations have been sent out to all the different Cricket Clubs in the Colony to send three of their best men to our nets to practice, and to assist the Selection Committee in their arduous task. Some Clubs have not even taken the trouble to reply, which is much to be deplored. It either shows lack of interest or absence of good material. I hope all who have been asked to practice, will turn up on the Club ground as frequently as possible, and put their backs into it. We want the best team possible. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the gentlemen who have offered to serve on the various Committees in connection with the visit of our friends from the North. Those of us who have had the honour of representing the Colony at cricket in Shanghai, know well their hospitality, and we must not be behind in this respect. I am sorry that our new pavilion will not be ready next month as we had hoped. We were delayed first of all by the shortage of bricks, and then bad weather; we can get no work done when it rains—and we shall not get into it much before the beginning of next year. We are hurrying on the contractors all we can. The annual tennis tournament was again a great success and the thanks of the Club are due to Mr. Nisbet for all he did for the players. Mr. Ng Sze Kwong won, for the fifth time in succession, the open singles Championship of the Colony, and we congratulate him heartily on his success. The ground is in very good condition and I think we may look forward to another successful year, both in cricket and tennis. I wish to place on record the great loss the Club has sustained by the death during the year of its late President, Mr. F. Maitland. Mr. Maitland for many years filled the position of President of the Club with marked success, and he always has its interests very much at heart. We all

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THE COMING GYMKHANA.

THE ENTRIES.

Following are the entries for the fourth Gymkhana of the season to be held next Saturday afternoon:—

1.—FIVE FURLONGS.—Dandy Kid, 155, Mr. Albert and Arnold; Roamer, 155, Mr. Harriett; Wombat (late Mon Homme), 155, Mr. Kew; Sherwood Lad (late Enamelled Tile), 155, Capt. C. S. Fisher; Dymore, 152, Mr. Dyer; Faaburg, 152, Mr. Seth; Beaver (late Saury Fellow), 149, Mr. Boyd; The Don, 148, Mr. R. Stubbs; Fesenjan, 145, Mr. Nemaze; Ricebird, 145, Holyoak.

2.—A CLASS HANDICAP.—Starbarrak, 160, Mr. Dyer; Roman Warrior, 150, Mr. Sassoon; Rialto Star, 153, Mr. Birkett; Roman Consul (late Promotion), 153, Mr. Sassoon; Mosaic Tile, 155, Mr. Seth; Roman Bandit (late Lightning Raider), 150, Mr. Sassoon; Hutton, 155, Mr. A. G. Stephen; Lightning, 153, Capt. Spinks; Scampardale, 152, Mr. Adams; The Dunlin, 151, Mr. Dynasty; Cherokee Scout (late Beating), 151, Mr. L. Nelson; Shining Star, 150, Mr. Birkett; Dandy Kid, 149, Albert and Arnold; Kickapoo Scout (late Golden Elf), 149, Mr. Nelson; Pickpocket, 147, Mr. Duds; Hurry Up, 146, Dr. C. Forsyth.

3.—GYMKHANA STAKES.—Hongkong Chief, 154, Mr. Soares; Scampardale, 151, Mr. Adams; Rialto Star, 151, Mr. Birkett; Hutton, 151, Mr. Stephen; Roman Bandit (late Lightning Raider), 151, Mr. Sassoon; Nastaran, 151, Mr. Nemaze; Boomerang (late Wild William), 151, Dr. Kew; Mosaic Tile, 151, Mr. Towers; Roman Consul (late Promotion), 149, Mr. Sassoon; Roman Warrior, 148, Mr. Sassoon; Holbeach, 146, Mr. A. Alves; Wombat (late Mon Homme), 146, Dr. Kew.

4.—LADIES' NOMINATION BALL AND BRICKET RACE.—Mr. A. R. Esler, Capt. E. G. Spinks, Mr. Wynne, Mr. J. R. H. D'Aeth, Mr. L. Nelson, Capt. E. C. Cross, Dr. Lyon Brown, Com. C. J. Crocker, G. W. Sewell, Capt. R. Neville, Mr. G. C. Boyd, Capt. C. S. Fisher, J. G. Lyon, W. H. S. Dent, Mr. P. A. Cox, Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

5.—B CLASS HANDICAP.—New Year Gift, 150, Mr. Seth; Apache Scout (late Dark Bird), 150, Mr. Nelson; Jaybird, 150, Mr. Holyoak; Kinn (late Kober), 147, Mr. Dynasty; West River, 157, Mr. John Peel; Innellan (late Lenjan), 150, Mr. Dynasty; Norwood, 151, Mr. Dynasty; The Don, 153, Mr. R. Stubbs; Beaver, 152, Mr. Boyd; Delight Dahlia, 151, Capt. Spinks; Portobello, 150, Mr. Nelson; Knockuh Leg, 150, Mr. Seth; Sherwood Lad (late Enamelled Tile), 150, Capt. C. S. Fisher; Kilmarnock, 149, Mr. Dyer; Faaburg, 148, Mr. Seth; Kangaroo, 145, Dr. Kew; Neston, 146, Dr. Forsyth; Fesenjan, 146, Mr. Nemaze; The Roamer, 145, Mr. Harriett; Aloha, 143, Mr. A. W. da Rosa.

6.—ONE MILE RACE.—Rialto Star, 153, Mr. Birkett; Hurry Up, 154, Dr. Forsyth; Lightning, 153, Capt. Spinks; Dandy Kid, 155, Albert and Arnold; Roman Warrior, 153, Mr. Sassoon; Kinn, 150, Dr. Dynasty; Wombat, 155, Dr. Kew; New Year Gift, 155, Mr. Seth; Delight Dahlia, 152, Capt. Spinks; Norwood, 152, Mr. Dynasty; Innellan, 152, Mr. Dynasty; West River, 157, Mr. John Peel; Mosaic Tile, 152, Mr. Towers; Dymore, 152, Dr. Dyer; Holbeach, 149, Mr. A. Alves; Knockuh Leg, 146, Mr. Seth.

7.—HANDICAP 11 MILE.—Hongkong, 160, Mr. Soares; Roman Consul, 160, Mr. Sassoon; Navajo Scout, 158, Mr. Nelson; Nastaran, 158, Mr. Nemaze; Mosaic Tile, 158, Mr. Towers; Roman Bandit, 156, Mr. Sassoon; Boomerang, 156, Dr. Kew; Hutton, 154, Mr. A. G. Stephen; Scampardale, 151, Mr. Adams; Dandy Kid, 151, Albert and Arnold; Shining Star, 150, Mr. Birkett; Lightning, 150, Capt. Spinks; Cherokee Scout, 150, Mr. Nelson; New Year Gift, 149, Mr. Seth; Pickpocket, 147, Mr. Duds; Kinn, 147, Mr. Dynasty; The Amer, 147, Mr. Seth; Innellan, 146, Mr. Dynasty; Knockuh Leg, 143, Mr. Seth.

feel his loss deeply; he was a cricketer in every sense of the word. We have also to record the deaths of Mr. H. W. Dick, the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp and Mr. A. H. Crew, all enthusiastic supporters of this Club and friends whose loss we all mourn. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I wish to thank our Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill—who is at present absent on important business—for his never failing interest in the Club's affairs, and for all the hard and often thankless work he has done for us. We offer him our best thanks for all the time and trouble he has expended in the Club's interests. (Applause). I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts for 1921-1922 as presented. Mr. PENTYCHOS seconded, and the motion was carried.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the sum of \$2,000 be transferred to Debentures Redemption Fund. Mr. D. E. CLARKE seconded, and the resolution was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. R. Hancock was re-elected President, on the proposition of Mr. T. E. Pearce, seconded by Mr. H. A. Nisbet. Mr. C. Bernard Brown was elected auditor, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected treasurers.

The Committee was elected as follows:—H. E. Mr. Claud Severn, Mr. H. A. Nisbet, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, Mr. F. A. Redmond, Mr. L. J. Davies and Mr. H. E. Holland.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Mr. Greenhill would soon be returning to the Colony, and Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell had consented to act in the absence of Mr. Greenhill. He therefore proposed Mr. Greenhill's re-election. Mr. H. A. Nisbet seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation. The drawing to pay off 80 debentures, as advertised, then took place.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE AQUATIC SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The annual aquatic sports of Queen's College were held yesterday at the Victoria Recreation Club Bath, in the presence of a large assembly of scholars, their parents and friends. Mrs. Claud Severn presented the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting. Mrs. Severn was formally introduced by Mr. B. Tanner in a neat speech in which he drew attention to the great progress made by the College during the recent year. Amongst those present were H.E. the Officer Administrator, the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.) and Mr. Eric Rice.

The following were the results of the contests:

25 YARDS HANDICAP (Small boys).—1, Wong Shu Tong; 2, Chan Po Ying.

50 YARDS HANDICAP (Junior).—1, Chiu Chung Kan; 2, Ip Ku Ying; 3, Mak Kai Hung.

100 YARDS HANDICAP (Senior).—1, Tong Wing Kwong; 2, Wong Po Lam; 3, Tong Tung Chiu.

Long Plunge (Championship).—1, Mok Tai Cheuk; 2, Leung Shiu Mau; 3, Lai Sze Chiu.

Diving for Plates.—1, Wan Kwong Tung; 2, Ip Ku Ying; 3, Tong Wing Kwong.

100 YARDS (Championship).—1, Leung Shiu Mau; 2, Tong Tai Chiu; 3, Mok Tai Cheuk.

Junior Team Race.—1, Class 4A.

Old Boys Race.—1, S. Harrood; 2, Shek Wing Kwong.

Senior Team Race.—Form 2A.

Consolation Race.—1, Sung Ming Chiu; 2, Ko Shu Cheung; 3, Tsui Hing Ki.

The officials:—President, Mr. B. Tanner; starters, Messrs. W. Kay and G. E. S. Updell; time-keeper, Mr. F. J. de Rome; judges, Messrs. E. J. Edwards, W. Lucas Handyside and G. W. Reeve; secretary, Mr. Fletcher.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The League season opens to-day with the following matches:—

Division I: Kick-off 5 p.m.
Hongkong Club v. Hongkong Police, Club ground. Referee: Mr. A. Newton.

H.M.S. Tamar v. Kowloon, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Williams.

R.C.A. v. South China, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

King's Regt. v. H.M.S. Ambrose, S.C.A. ground. Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.

The following will represent the 2/King's Regt. against H.M.S. Ambrose on the South China ground at 5 p.m. to-day:—Cpl. Blacoe; Cpl. Wynne and Sgt. Simmons; Sgt. Newton, Pte. Hodgson and Cpl. Barlow; Pte. Williams, C.Q. M.S. Burnett, Lt. G. J. Jones, Cpl. Carr and Pte. Scott. Reserves: Ptes. Hart, McCaa and Love.

HONGKONG F.C. v. POLICE.

The following will represent the Hongkong F.C. in their league match against the Police on the Club ground to-day at 5 p.m.:—Rodger, Gerrard, Israel, Logan, Stewart, McPhail (capt.), Banner, Forsyth, Begg, Valentine and Hillier.

CRICKET.

INTERPORT TRIAL MATCH.

There will be a whole day match on the H.K.C.C. ground on Monday, 9th inst., commencing at 10.45 p.m. between the following sides:—

"R. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, Capt. Davies, G. R. Sayer, Capt. Oliver, B. D. Evans, A. El Arculli, Capt. Le Fleming, C. Stapleton, H. Owen Hughes, L. J. Davies and D. E. Donnelly.

A. E. Wood (capt.), Major Matthews, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. B. Bad, F. J. De Rome, A. L. Gace, A. A. Ramjahn, U. Omar, R. E. A. Webster, Lieut. W. D. Bacon, Rev. H. S. Crole-Hes and E. G. Lammer.

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COMMERCIAL AVIATION IN THE FAR EAST.

SIR KEITH SMITH, K.B.E., IN HONGKONG.

PROJECTED SERVICES BETWEEN LONDON, THE FAR EAST AND AUSTRALIA.

To the pressman in danger of becoming obsessed by the daily catalogue of local crime, or the cycle of annual meetings that re-commencing as winter approaches, it came as an invigorating breeze from the great world outside to meet in the Hongkong Hotel, last evening, Sir Keith Smith, who, with his brother, was the first aviator to fly from England to Australia.

Sir Keith Smith, K.B.E., F.R.G.S., to give him the title that his progress in the world of aviation has brought him, is a slimy-built, keen-faced young man, of the active type that gets things done. He landed from the s.s. *St. Albans*, yesterday afternoon, on "a pleasure trip," but "pleasure" for him, he explained, means aviation and everything connected with it.

Sir Keith Smith was full of a big scheme for establishing a commercial air service between England and Australia. The question is now before the Federal Government and it is proposed to form a company with a capital of four millions sterling to run ships between London and Melbourne, carrying passengers, mails and urgent cargo, such as documents, jewellery, samples and goods of small bulk. The route would follow the way we took when we flew from London to Australia," said Sir Keith Smith, "the 'airline' route—London, Cairo, Mesopotamia, Delhi, Rangoon, Singapore, Port Darwin. It is estimated that the time occupied will be ten days."

"It will be no trouble," he added, "to organise a subsidiary service from Rangoon or Calcutta up the China Coast to Hongkong and Shanghai, and there is no reason why it should not be extended to Tokyo and Peking. I want to know what commercial men think of it, here in China. I shall be here until Wednesday or Thursday and I shall be glad to see any business man who would like to discuss the question."

"Are you 'investing local capital'?" asked the interviewer.

Sir Keith Smith replied that he was not. The best way of organising an aerial service to the East and the Antipodes was to get the London to Melbourne service started first; it would be much cheaper to make the Far Eastern service an offshoot of that than to establish a Far Eastern service separately.

HONGKONG TO LONDON: EIGHT DAYS.

"But I want to know how it appears to the Hongkong business man," he said, "to be able to leave Hongkong on the 1st of the month, go through to London in eight days, spend a fortnight in England and be back in Hongkong at the end of the month. I think he will say that the amount of the fare will be saved to him over and over again by the time that is gained. I might say that we shall be able to take the passengers at rates cheaper than the steamer fare. We shall charge £100 from London to Australia; the steamer fare is £100. Our trip will take ten days; the steamer takes five weeks."

Sir Keith Smith contested the popular idea that aerial travelling is exceptionally dangerous. The statistics, he said, considered proportionately, showed that it was more dangerous to walk about the streets of Paris than to travel by air. The airship disasters which so deeply impressed the public mind had occurred to vessels constructed for special war purposes, for very high speed, or for flying at exceptionally high altitudes; to get these qualities the margin of safety had to be reduced. The machines used on a commercial service would not need to be built for tremendous speed; instead of 80 or 90 m.p.h., a speed of 50 to 60 m.p.h. would be aimed at, and the machines would be built much more strongly.

They would be up-to-date airships, built for passenger work, with every convenience on board—sleeping accommodation, dining room, small reading room, bath, roof, etc. Each machine would convey 35 to 40 people.

"Have you considered typhoons?" asked the interviewer.

"I have," replied Sir Keith Smith, "but while I am in the Far East I want to get all the information I can about them from meteorological stations. This aerial service will be able to help the meteorological stations, too, by supplying observations."

"As to storms, however, airships can avoid them. Flying at 5,000 feet we have a range of vision of 100 miles; when passing through Siam on the London-Australia flight we saw thunderstorms in the distance swirling in the air and looking like giant mushrooms. We just flew round them, and we could do the same with typhoons. A deviation of course of 50 miles is nothing to an airship—only an hour's flight—but a very different thing for a ship going at 10 or 12 knots."

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THE HARBOUR SWIM. A FEW INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

Entries for the harbour swimming race, to be held on Monday and Tuesday, next, closed yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. In neither event are the entries as many as last year. For the men's race 18 entries have been received, and for the ladies six names have been registered. Last year the men's event drew 28 starters and the ladies had eight.

The following are the entries for this year:

Ladies.—Miss Muriel Blunden, Mrs. Yip Lai Li, Miss Molly Groundwater, Miss Phyllis Hunt, Miss Thelma May and Miss Enid Comell.

Men.—J. O. Ramsay, J. R. Johnstone, Y. Kusano, A. Hamid, A. May, Chung Sui Man, Sung In Tak, Leung Sui Tak, G. A. Jack, D. Ogilvie, B. Rasmussen, D. Laing, Edgar Grimley, T. Kitagawa, K. Uno and D. Lyon.

It will be noticed that all the best swimmers of the Victoria Recreation Club have entered for the event. Johnstone, who won the event on the last three occasions, has again entered and he is a hot favourite. Laing and Jack, last year's runners-up, are also down to swim. Amongst the newcomers this year is D. Lyon, who at the recent Aquatics meeting, did extremely well. He is said to be in good form and Johnstone has his work cut out to beat him.

Amongst the ladies Miss Thelma May is the only competitor this year who took part in last year's ladies race. Most of the ladies entered this year are young and nearly all of them are eligible for entry in the girls' swimming events, which means that they have to be under 15 years of age. The pluck of these young swimmers is to be admired.

The Harbour Race for men was first started in 1908, and, with the exception of the first two years of the war, has been held yearly. The best time was put up by J. C. Finch, who, in 1913, completed the distance in 22mins. 25secs. Johnstone's best time was in 1920 when he did the course in 23mins. 53 1/2secs. Finch and Johnstone each won the event three times.

The Ladies' event was first held in 1920 when it was won by Miss Ruby Young in 37mins. 10 1/2secs. Miss G. Ramsey came in first last year; her time being 38mins. 02secs.

ECHO OF THE SWATOW TYPHOON.

SALE OF THE S.S. "CHOYSANG."

The s.s. *Choysang*, belonging to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, which went ashore on August 2nd on Fort Island during the typhoon at Swatow, was yesterday sold at Messrs. Lamert Brothers' auction room for \$17,500, the purchaser being Mr. Lee Yik of Swatow.

Mr. H. A. Lamert explained before the sale commenced that the sale of the vessel included all the gear, equipment and coal on board. There were 122 tons of Cardiff coal in her bunkers in addition to about 180 tons of Tsingtau coal. The ship was to be sold on condition that she was broken up within reasonable time. The purchaser had to pay a deposit of 20 per cent. immediately on the fall of the hammer. A banker's guarantee that the remainder of the money would be paid on the morrow was also required.

All the bidding was done by Mr. Lee Yik, a representative of the Tung Tai Company of Hongkong. Mr. Lee commenced with an offer of \$10,000, but was persuaded by the auctioneer to make his first bid \$10,000. Bids of \$500 were added until finally the steamer was knocked down to Mr. Lee Yik for \$17,500.

GOVERNMENTS AND AVIATION.

Sir Keith Smith had some interesting general remarks to make about commercial aviation. Nations were finding, he said, that flying services for war purposes were too expensive to maintain; they must be content with smaller air services and rely on commercial aviation. In the event of war, to supply a sufficient number of trained pilots to carry on with flying and instruct new men in controlling flying machines. "Similarly, the Navy in peace-time is a comparatively small affair," said Sir Keith Smith, "you rely on the Mercantile Marine for personnel and in many ways. Commercial aviation will keep flying alive during the difficult period of the next ten years when the Governments of the world will have no money to spare to make experiments. But we ask them, at least, to help us during that period by guaranteeing a moderate return upon capital for ten years. It is not to be expected that an air service to Australia will pay a return on capital in the first years, though we think it will do so after the first four years. We look to the Government of India to contribute £40,000 a year for ten years, Australia the same, and the British Government £20,000. Shell-Mex and Vickers are prepared to take £100,000 worth of shares each at par, and place their technical and scientific organisation at the disposal of the new company."

Asked as to his immediate plans, Sir Keith Smith said he was very interested in seaplanes and was visiting Swatow, Amoy and Peking to examine the possibility of harbour landings there. "In case the world-flight project was soon revived," afterwards he would go on to Peking and Japan. He desired to study, as much as possible, local conditions for and against flying.

CHINESE DETECTIVES CHARGED WITH "SQUEEZING."

STARTLING ALLEGATION BY STREET HAWKERS.

Some startling allegations of having received "squeeze money" were laid against three Chinese detectives at the Magistracy, yesterday afternoon. The case aroused much interest amongst the poorer classes of Chinese and throughout the afternoon the Court-room and the passages outside were thronged with large numbers of Chinese who appeared to be of the hawking class.

The three detectives do duty amongst the hawkers and their main "job" is to bring guinea-powder hawkers before the Magistrate. The complainants in the case are a number of hawkers who allege that the detectives have been in the habit of receiving small sums of money, ranging from 30 to 60 cents per week from various hawkers.

Mr. Perdus, Assistant Superintendent of Police, appeared for the Police, Mr. A. E. Hall for the complainants, and Mr. E. Davidson for the defendants.

The first complainant said that he had once been arrested for having no licence and had paid a fine. Later, one of the detectives in the case came up to him and asked if he had a licence. He admitted that he had not. The detective then said to him that he would have to pay the sum of 30 cents per week for a period of two months.

In answer to Mr. Davidson, the witness said he was a member of a Hawkers' Guild and the reason why he had brought the case was because a number of his fellows had made complaints regarding the large amount of "squeezing" that was going on.

Sgt. Ellison gave evidence of arresting one of the complainants and finding a piece of paper in the man's pocket. The paper contained the name of one of the detectives. According to the information given to him, it was alleged that over 50 per cent. of the hawkers were compelled to pay bribes to the police.

The second complainant said that under pressure he was compelled to pay to one of the accused the sum of five cents daily. In order to free him from the posts of the Police he had arranged a secret signal with the detectives. On the approach of the police he gave the signal which meant that he would not be interfered with. The signal was altered once a week. "In cross-examination the complainant said these were the only detectives who accepted bribes."

The third complainant said that he was a licensed hawker. One of the detectives came up to him and asked him to move on. The detective struck him a blow and told him he would not allow him to remain there unless he paid him 30 cents the next time he passed by.

Further witnesses were called for the prosecution. Each told of the amounts they had to pay in the way of squeeze. The case was adjourned for further hearing.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN EX-MANAGER.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL CONVERSION OF FIRM'S MONEY.

A case, in which the late manager of the Wah Hing Shipping Firm is charged with the unlawful conversion to his own use of two sums of money, amounting in all to \$881, and belonging to the firm, came up for hearing yesterday, before Mr. Lind-sell at the Magistracy.

Mr. H. L. Dennis appeared for the complainants, and Mr. C. H. Lee for the defendant, who is named Tong Man Kee. The complainants allege that the defendant drew certain sums of money, amounting to \$720 from the firm for the purpose of introducing new custom to the firm, which commenced business during the early part of the present year. Investigations showed that this \$720 had not been spent in accordance with the purpose for which it was drawn. In the case of another sum of money, \$161 the complainants state that the Captain of the s.s. *Duney* paid the defendant this amount in settlement of an account due to the firm. The money was never received by them.

According to a partner in the firm, named Fong Hop, the defendant was paid no salary, but received a commission on the profits and had his living expenses paid.

Respecting the sum of \$720 the cashier of the firm produced his accounts in Court which showed that this amount was drawn by the defendant in small sums "for the use of the Standard Oil Company."

At this stage the case was adjourned for one week, when the prosecution propose to call Mr. W. J. G. Whalley to state whether the money in question was received by the Standard Oil Company. The defendant, who is a young man, was allowed bail of \$500.

SNATCHER USES VIOLENCE. PORTUGUESE LADY ROBBED.

Miss M. Gutierrez, of No. 17, Robinson Road, was attacked by a snatcher in Robinson Road, on Thursday at 11 p.m. Miss Gutierrez felt the man snatch her neck-chain and immediately turned round, face-to-face with the snatcher. In the excitement the man dropped the neck-chain and a scuffle followed. Miss Gutierrez, in attempting to recover the chain was struck a violent blow on the chest and the man secured the neck-chain and made off.

SCIENCE TO THE RESCUE. SMOTHERING FIRES BY CARBON DIOXIDE.

On the vacant site opposite the Hongkong Club, yesterday afternoon, a remarkable demonstration was given by a new patent fire extinguisher known as Foamite Firefoam. The principle of this fire extinguisher is to surround a fire with a blanket of carbon dioxide, thus cutting off oxygen and smothering the fire. The carbon dioxide is maintained in proximity to the fire by being impregnated into a blanket of foam like soap-suds. In practice, a jet of liquid is directed upon a burning mass, the carbon dioxide gas forms the foam; the fire has no power to dissolve it and dies out.

A large assembly saw this actually happen. Heads of Government Departments, Fire Brigade officers, members of the Fire Insurance Association, representatives of insurance companies and heads of business firms were present in force, and the Chinese were also well represented.

The first test carried out was in respect of a collection of mail bags, stuffed with waste paper to represent letters. Crude oil and then petrol were poured lavishly over the pile, someone took the risk of putting a match to it and the mass was allowed to blaze up for some moments until it threw off considerable heat even at a distance of 10 yards. A single jet of Fire foam was then directed upon the pile and a thick brown foam began to form and remain. As the jet passed over the flames abated and in a minute or so the fire was out. When the bags were opened, later, it was found that the writing on the waste paper was quite readable; the fire had only charred the bags and had not reached the contents, although a good deal of the oil had soaked through to give the fire a good chance.

Next, three barrels of kerosene, branched and placed together, were ignited. They blazed for some time, and then two jets of Firefoam were directed upon the barrels and gradually mastered the flames, stopping the fire entirely when the quantity of kerosene in the barrels had been reduced about four inches. The seum of the chemical on the surface of the kerosene was readily skimmed.

It is claimed that the chemical does not damage fabrics or materials, whereas water, of course, often does more damage in putting out a fire than the fire itself causes. Messrs. H. Dent & Co., of Shanghai—a firm well-known in the Far East—are the agents for this fire extinguisher and Mr. J. J. Keegan, their representative, was in charge of the demonstration.

WATER IN STORAGE.

SLIGHT INCREASE COMPARED WITH A MONTH AGO.

KOWLOON DEMAND DOUBLED WITH REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS.

The reservoirs on October 1st, as shown by the monthly report of the Water Authority, were considerably higher than on September 1st. Tyam contained 38 million gallons more than on September 1st and 60 million gallons more than on the corresponding date last year. Tyam Tuk contained 354 million gallons, which compares with 356 million a month ago and 1,419 a year ago. The total quantity in storage on the Island on October 1st, this year, was 1,470 million gallons, as compared with 1,193 on September 1st and 2,055 a year ago. The Island has, therefore, 576 million gallons less in store than it had a year ago, but 256 more than it had a month ago.

Kowloon, by a coincidence had exactly the same quantity in store on October 1st—374 million gallons as it had a year ago. A month ago the figure was 300.

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION.

On the Island the quantity of water used during last month was 195 million gallons (256 last year). This gives a consumption per head per day of 17.9 gallons as compared with 24.4 gallons a year ago. The rate per head a month ago was almost the same as at present. Kowloon, with the removal of restrictions, and a full supply in all districts from the 9th of the month, consumed 45 million gallons—more than double the consumption of a month ago. The rate per head per day worked out at 11 gallons, as compared with 5 gallons a month ago and 14 gallons in September, 1921.

The total rainfall to September 30th is noted as 66.16 inches, as compared with 76.53 inches to the same date in 1921. The Government Analyst's report states that the water is of satisfactory quality.

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND.

The results of examinations in Pitman's Shorthand, held at the Italian Concert, Cairns Road, arrived recently, and are as follows:—

AMATEURS (Steno-Typing) Cert.—Miss Dorothy Murray and Miss Lily Wilkinson. Speed (50 words).—Misses Katherine Hunt, Dolores Talmages, Agnes Gill, Francis Dunn. (60 words) Misses Margaret Kent, Ada Pepperell, Violet Danenberg, Muriel Tanaka, Agnes Ismail, and I. Ahwee.

THEORY.—Misses Dorothy Pike, Nora Pike, Maria Alvarez, Juliette Elrod, Jacinta Domingo, Marjorie Piena, Edith Croteley, Ada Pepperell, Violet Danenberg, Irene Ahwee and M. Tanaka. ELEMENTARY.—Beatrice Gill, Conchita del Pan, Gertrude Julian, Rosa Rosario, Quencie Julian, Rita Rosario, Amy Stom-ban, Dorothy Wiltshire and Susan Jyeil.

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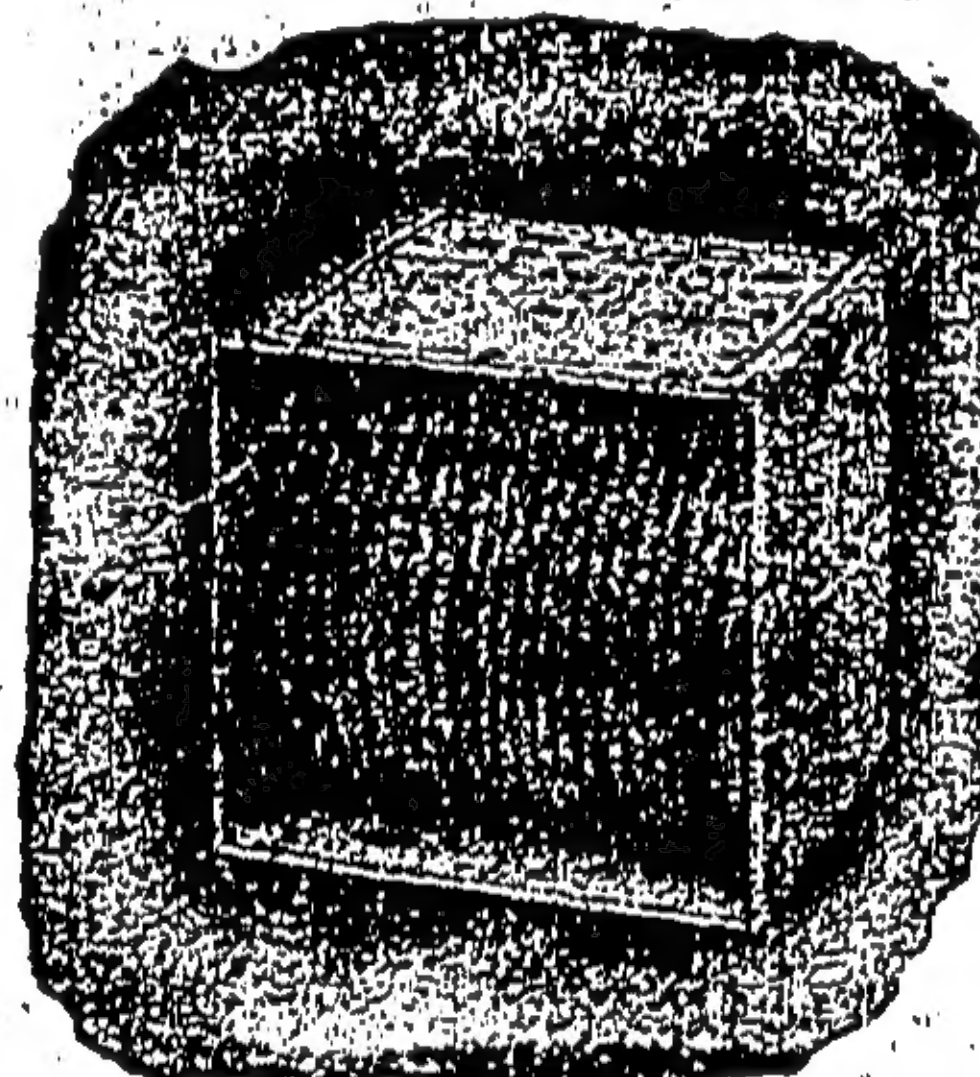
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.
 OWING to the great demand for seats for the A.D.C. Productions of "I'll Leave It to You" the Theatre Royal next week it has been decided to give a Fourth and Final Performance on SATURDAY, the 14th inst., and looking for this will open at 8.15 P.M. on TUESDAY Morning Next.
 There are still a few good seats for Thursday, the 12th, Saturday, the 14th and Wednesday, the 18th inst., and these will be booked by early visitors to MOUTRIES this morning. [1588]

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NOTICE

ON MONDAY, the 9th INSTANT, all Departments will be closed.
 The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 2 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.
 A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 6th October, 1922. [1585]



NOTICE

THIS EXCELLENT THE OFFICER ADMIRALTY THE GOVERNMENT and Mr. SEVERNS will be pleased to see any of those who have been invited to the Dance at Government House on the 18th OCTOBER and who also wish to attend the AMATEUR DRAMATIC COMPANY'S Performance on the same Night, after the Performance is over.
 CAPTAIN R. NEVILLE,
 Aide-de-Camp,
 Government House,
 6th October. [1586]

G. B. R.

A STOREROOM SEAMAN WANTED, with knowledge of English and Chinese for Naval Store Department, I.M. NAVAL YARD. Previous experience essential. Commencing pay \$3 per day plus 12s per cent, 9 days a week. Apply in person with references on WEDNESDAY, 11th OCTOBER at 9.30 A.M. [1588]

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, commencing 3.15 P.M.
 The Charge for admission will be \$1.00 for other than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club.
 The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.
 E. J. CHAPMAN,
 Secretary. [1587]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CAUQUITA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship.

"NAMSANG"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.
 Goods not cleared by the 12th inst., will be subject to rent.
 All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., Agents.
 Hongkong, 6th October, 1922. [1584]

THEATRE ROYAL.

NOTICE

GRAND VAUDEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, at 9.15 P.M. COMEDY, SENTIMENT, MUSIC AND MIMICRY.

In Aid of THE MANY CHARITIES FOR CHILDREN ASSISTED BY THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S L'AGUE.
 BOOKING AT MOUTRIES.
 PRICES—\$2, \$1 and 50 CENTS. [1577]

SS. "TUNGSHING"

STRANDED IN SWATOW HARBOR.

MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Hongkong, are prepared to receive TENDERS for the temporary repair, fitting, and delivery of the above steamer her stores, apparel and tackle, at the Harbour of Swatow, in condition for proceeding to Hongkong.
 Permits for inspection of vessel as she now lies, will be issued on application to the above. [1404]

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1913, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 9th INSTANT.
 Hongkong, 6th October, 1922. [1572]



IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.

THIS Office will be open for all purposes from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon on MONDAY, the 9th OCTOBER, 1922. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely CLOSED on that day.
 N. L. SMITH,
 Superintendent,
 Imports and Exports,
 Hongkong, 6th October, 1922. [1575]

NOTICE

MR. O. J. LANGHAMMER has been authorized to sign our Firm per pro-uration as from THIS DAY on.
 BERBLINGER & CO.
 Canton, October 3rd, 1922. [1569]

NOTICE

THIA MAH JAN, Esq., Merchant, residing in Cholon (Cochin-China), made Company No. 270, begs to inform the Public that since the year 1919, the Firm of BAN GUAN, of which he was the Sole Proprietor has become a Limited Company.
 He therefore informs the Creditors of the Private Firm of BAN GUAN, that all claims they may wish to enter against the Firm should be filed at his Private Residence, as above indicated, up to the 31st of DECEMBER, 1922. After this date no more claims will be accepted as Mr. THIA MAH JAN intends to avail himself of this Notice of Closing Business. [1573]

NOTICE

MADAME LILY is expected to return to the Colony from Paris on 13th OCTOBER, by S.S. "Porthos" and will bring with her a splendid range of Paris models in frocks and millinery, and a large variety of winter goods.
 She will be accompanied by a new French dressmaker, who, Madame Lily is sure, will assist in maintaining her high reputation for excellence of work, quality and design.
 MADAME LILY,
 The Paris Shop of Hongkong,
 Alexandra Building. [1583]

NOTICE

THE DAILY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.
 NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1922.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 12th October, 1922, both days inclusive.
 By Order,
 M. MANUK,
 Secretary. [1536]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th October, 1922, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at Kowloon Naval Depot.

Commencing each day at 9.30 a.m. with an interval from 12 Noon to 1.30 p.m.

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A quantity of Structural Steel Work, comprising Stanchions, Beams, Struts, &c., and masonry of Steel Work, Rain Water Pipes, Gutters, &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on Monday, the 16th October, 1922.

SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES AT KOWLOON on Friday, 20th October, comprising—

Corned Beef, Canned Provisions for poultry, or pigs food, Remnants, Sarge, &c., Swimming Belts and Covers, Razors, Mess Gear, &c.
 Terms of Sale—As detailed in Catalogue.
 By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.
 Hongkong, 30th September, 1922. [1556]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.
 FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"POLERIC" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon whence delivery may be obtained.
 No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th October, 1922, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 15th October, 1922, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th October, 1922, at 9.30 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.
 Hongkong, 30th September, 1922. [1562]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.
 FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF MELBOURNE" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
 No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 7th October, 1922, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 14th October, 1922, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.
 Hongkong, 30th September, 1922. [1563]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "SIOLIA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 4TH OCT., 1922.
 FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out and marked and delivery will be obtained as the Goods are landed.
 This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf, B.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
 Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the steamer.
 Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
 Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays.
 All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
 No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.
 MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 4th September 1922. [1568]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD., COPENHAGEN.

THE M/S "ASIA" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th of October, 1922, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS on the 11th of October, 1922, at 10 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 14th of October or they will not be recognized.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected.
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNE, & CO., LTD., Agents.
 1574

THE CORONET.

HAROLD LLOYD is NUMBER, PLEASE.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 7TH, 1922.

"THE JOB OF SAVING EUROPE."

The resolutions passed by a Committee of the Bankers' Conference in New York, directed towards American co-operation in the rehabilitation of Europe, are likely to give a much wanted lead to American public opinion on the question. Governor Cox, of Ohio, was probably guilty of no exaggeration when he said in an article contributed to the London Observer a month ago that "The fate of the world is in the hands of America. Days wasted in procrastination now will bring years of self-reproach later. From Europe, the base of our early ancestry, prayers go up that America will understand, and understanding, will not falter." Chancellor Wirth of Germany declared to Governor Cox with deep emotion that "Unless the United States interests herself in European affairs, within a very short time, all in Germany is lost, and all in Central Europe as well." If this view were confined entirely to Germany there would doubtless be considerable hesitation about accepting it, but there is probably not a statesman in Europe who does not recognise that American co-operation is absolutely essential to the rehabilitation of Europe, for reasons clearly indicated in the BALFOUR Note. Governor Cox's view of what America could do "without any inconsistency with existing policy" is that it should designate Mr. HERRERT HOOVER, now a member of the Cabinet, to serve in the Reparations task. "He holds," says Governor COX, "the confidence of Europe. Peoples and Governments trust him. He can analyse the economic situation of Germany. His decision as to what Germany can pay beyond much question of doubt would be accepted by France—and that means by all parties interested."

In the same issue of The Observer, in which Governor Cox states his views, there is published an interesting interview with Mr. F. A. VANDERLIP, the American financier, who represented America, unofficially, at the Genoa Conference. Mr. VANDERLIP considers that "it is getting about time that we all did some clearer economic thinking, and then acted in accordance with the realities of economic fact." He is not sure that an awakening now would save Europe from catastrophe, but he is "certainly sure" that there can be no beginning of reconstruction until "economic facts are faced and their recognition embodied in Government policies. But, is there any Government in Europe that thinks it has not ascertained all the "economic facts" and embodied them in its policies? The trouble is that there is no such general agreement on the economic facts from which a policy acceptable to everybody can emerge. We do not know what grounds Governor COX has for believing that the verdict of Mr. HOOVER as to what Germany can pay would be accepted by France and every other nation concerned. We see little evidence of such a disposition.

Mr. VANDERLIP, however, is evidently reluctant to see America intervene in the European political situation unless she can absolutely dominate it. "A general view," he says, "is that we should use the debts to America as a means of imposing sounder political policies on the debtor nations. With our inexperience, with our extreme complexity of European politics, I believe such a course would be an extremely dangerous one. France owes England a vast sum, but that fact does not seem to have put in the hands of the English Government the power to influence French political views. The fact that there has been such an entire absence of English influence upon French views, in spite of France's debts to England, does not lead me to think that America would be very successful in dictating European political policies merely because of its power as a creditor. I think America has no disposition to engage in any such enterprise. At least before she attempts it she may well wait to see if England, also a great creditor nation in respect to Europe, can, through the force of her position as creditor, wisely direct Continental political policies. If we were shown that it could be done, perhaps we might undertake it. If we were shown that it was being done unselfishly with a broad altruism that was working only for the welfare of Europe, perhaps we might most wholeheartedly join England in the attempt."

This does not sound very hopeful of American aid, but if Mr. VANDERLIP is convinced, as he says he is, that "Europe is on the road to something worse than the war itself threatened" and that the whole world should open its eyes to the universality of involvement, and should forget, if possible, some of its political preoccupations and "really get at the job of saving Europe from further wreck," surely there is a clear call in this to the United States who, as Governor COX says, and many European statesmen believe, holds the "master-key of the situation. We have no doubt that American aid will be forthcoming. Let us hope that the "days wasted in procrastination now" will not bring years of self-reproach later.

The A.D.C. have decided to give a fourth performance of "I'll Leave It to You" on Saturday, the 21st inst.

Monday next is a Bank Holiday and Tuesday is a Chinese holiday being the eleventh anniversary of the founding of the Republic.

Thieves entered No. 3, Arbuthnot Road, during the absence of Mrs. Yung on Thursday. Money and clothing valued at \$141 was stolen.

Dr. C. C. Wu, who left Hongkong this week for the North, is expected at Peking, and a report is current that he will be offered the post of Secretary to the Cabinet.

The dates of a dinner and dance at Government House and a performance at the Theatre by the Amateur Dramatic Club have unavoidably clashed. A Government House announcement on the subject appears among to-day's advertisements. The dinner and dance are in honour of the visitors from Manila who will then be in the Colony, and it is desired to have the dance after the Inter-Port Polo Match between Manila and Hongkong, which takes place on that date.

The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company is running a special Bank Holiday excursion to Macao on Monday. The s.s. Sai Au will leave Hongkong at 9 a.m. and Macao at 4 p.m.

In the case at the Magistracy a few days ago in which the Hongkong Land Investment Co. were defendants, a reference was made to an agreement made by Mr. Pearce that notices should be served on sub-lessees instead of the owners. It was incorrectly assumed in the reports of the case that the Mr. Pearce referred to was the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. W. W. Pearce), whereas in fact the "agreement" was with Mr. H. J. Pearce, who is attached to the Building Ordinance Department.

The master of a fishing junk was fined \$230 with the alternative of three months' imprisonment, yesterday, for having in his possession two old pattern rifles and a blunderbuss. The man's excuse was that he had been chased by pirates on his last journey and thought it advisable to arm his craft before he put to sea again. Police evidence was given by Sgt. Samson as to finding the ammunition hidden in an old-fashioned jar. The Magistrate (Mr. Hamilton) in fining the defendant said the more knew he was doing wrong by the very fact that he concealed the ammunition.

The Northern vernacular papers report that the movements of "Comrade Joffe," the Russian Envoy to China, are being strictly watched by the Police as reports have been received from Chinese agents in Siberia and Manchuria concerning the arrival of Soviet propagandists in China. According to the reports, many Bolsheviks who are well-informed about Chinese and Far Eastern conditions, have been dispatched to the Far East from Moscow for the sole purpose of diffusing Bolshevik doctrines especially among Chinese workmen. The despatches remind the Chinese Government that Mr. Joffe's past Bolshevik activities had caused his expulsion from certain European countries.

MONEY LENDER ROBBED.

CASH AND PROMISSORY NOTES STOLEN.

Burglars had a big haul on Thursday night, when they visited the house of an Indian money lender, named Harman Singh, residing at No. 5, Park Street, and stole a box containing \$3,000 in cash and in promissory notes of the value of \$10,331 and receipts. The burglars are believed to have gained an entrance through the back window of the house.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PROMINENT AMERICAN RESIDENT ARRESTED IN TOKYO.

SARCASTIC COMMENT ON POLICE ACTION.

Tokyo, October 5th.
 Considerable surprise was expressed here at a police domiciliary search of the offices and residence of Mr. R. Andrews, one of the most prominent American residents and head of the old established firm of Andrews, George and Wells.

The charges include the operating of a motor-boat without a licence or a qualified crew and entering a fortified zone without a permit.

The matter, which is being investigated, is not regarded seriously and is obviously based on wrong information. The precipitate action of the police is calling forth sarcastic comment on every side.

JAPANESE M.P.'S TO TOUR CHINA

Tokyo, October 5th.
 Ten Parliamentarians, with Mr. Hirooka as their leader, left to-night on a tour of Korea, Harbin, Mukden, Peking and the chief points in North and South China.

REOPENING OF BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE

PEKING, SAGON AND TIENTSIN BRANCHES TO IMMEDIATELY REOPEN.

Paris, October 5th.
 The immediate reopening of the branches of the Banque Industrielle de Chine at Peking, Tientsin and Sagon has been ordered. Other agencies will reopen after inspection by the Managing Director.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHINA MAIL"]

BANQUE SAFFER BURGLAR AT SINGAPORE.

\$250,000 STOLEN.
 SINGAPORE, October 5th.
 The Banque de l'Indo-Chine discovered to-day that during the night a safe had been burgled of \$250,000. No clue has been found.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH BAKER'S AGENCY.]NEAR EAST CONFERENCE.
A GRAVE SITUATION.

LONDON, October 5th.

The gravity of the situation in Mudania is fully recognised in this morning's newspapers, though they do not despair and think a way-out will ultimately be found. It is understood that the Turks have suddenly adopted a much more intransigent attitude, suggesting territorial advantages quite beyond the competence of a military gathering, including portions of West Thrace. It is also reported that they are demanding leave to occupy East Thrace before the Peace Conference and a measure of control at Constantinople.

TURKS STILL CONCENTRATING IN SPIRIT OF ASSURANCES.

The British Government, however, is firmly opposed to allowing major political issues to be prejudged before the full conference takes place, moreover, it is pointed out that, despite the Turkish assurances, military concentration in the direction of the Ismid and Chanak zones is still proceeding. Kymalist artillery is reported a considerable distance from Chanak, where, in the meanwhile, General Marden has utilised reinforcements to lengthen the British line.

GREEK ATTITUDE A "SERIOUS" AND MENACING FACTOR.

The attitude of Greece is also a serious and menacing factor. Advice from Athens show that the Government is firmly opposed to the evacuation of Thrace and the Capital is placarded with appeals for volunteers. M. Venizelos left London for Paris on Tuesday.

BRITISH NEWSPAPER OPINIONS.

Several papers are inclined to question whether the presence of the civilian, Franklin Brouillon, at the military conference, will tend to facilitate an agreement.

The Times thinks the situation looks undeniably grave and the success of this Conference is undoubtedly endangered by the tenor of the Ankara Note, upon many points. It suggests that the authors may not be in the most placid mood.

The Morning Post says there is no need to despair because matters are not progressing favourably and with lightning speed. The Turks are Orientals and therefore hard bargainers.

The Daily Telegraph says that, the best hope of a good solution lies in the visible presence of the British armed force in support of the real freedom of the Straits. The Ankara Note means that the Turks are ready to enter the conference on the general lines of the Paris Agreement, but they will resist their re-entry into the European system as stiffly as they can.

The Chronicle urges the need of a united front, express demands and no compromise regarding the freedom of the Straits, but is apparently prepared to meet the Turks on most other points.

The Westminster Gazette takes an optimistic view of the nature of the Ankara Note.

LORD CURZON AND PREMIER-POINCARÉ TO CONFER.

LONDON, October 5th.

Lord Curzon is immediately proceeding to Paris in order to confer with Premier Poincaré in regard to the Near East.

SOVIET MOBILISING BLACK SEA FLEET.

BERLIN, October 5th.

The Soviet Government has decided to mobilise the Black Sea naval forces.

EARLIER CABLES.

GREEK DELEGATES REACH MUDANIA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 5th. The British communiqué states: The conference was resumed yesterday morning, when General Harrington handed Ismet Pasha a draft of the convention agreed upon by the Allied generals after considering the points raised by Ismet Pasha on Tuesday.

Ismet, in the afternoon, intimated various objections to the protocol, and the Allied delegates, desirous of conciliation, readily assented to several objections; but there were still a few points unsettled when the conference adjourned at eight in the evening.

The Greek delegates reached Mudania late in the afternoon. The conference will be resumed this morning.

TURKS RAISE OBJECTIONS ON CERTAIN POINTS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 5th. The French communiqué states: Ismet Pasha yesterday raised fairly categorical objections on certain points. The Generals are examining these with a common wish to arrive at a settlement; keeping Turkish interests especially in view and endeavouring to reconcile these with the minimum of indispensable guarantees.

The Allied Generals conferred with the Greek delegates at ten last evening. It is hoped to reach a final settlement to-day.

TURKISH CAVALRY WITHIN NEUTRAL ZONE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 5th. Turkish cavalry has been signed at Kandra, within the neutral zone of Ismid.

ANGORA'S REPLY TO THE ALLIES.

LONDON, October 5th.

A summary of Angora's reply to the Allied invitation received by the Foreign Office states that the Angora Government appreciates the desire for a just and durable peace. The Mudania meeting will deal with Angora's viewpoint regarding the present military situation, and its decisions will be completely executed.

As regards a peace conference, the Angora Government accepts the invitation, suggests that the conference be held at Smyrna on the 20th inst., proposes that Russia, the Ukraine, and Georgia should be invited, thanks the Allies for recognising Turkish rights in Thrace, and declares that there is no disagreement in principle regarding the freedom of the Straits to secure the safety of Constantinople and Marmora and safeguard the minorities within limits compatible either with the independence and sovereignty of Turkey or the exigencies of an effective settlement in the Near East.

TURKS SURPRISED THAT RUSSIA IS NOT INVITED.

The reply points out that, apart from four of the Great Powers and Greece, two States are invited presumably because they are interested in certain questions to be settled, but the only important question of this kind is the control of the Straits; therefore Angora is surprised that Russia, the Ukraine, and Georgia are not invited, since they are deeply interested, and their participation would help to make a settlement more lasting.

The Angora Government promises to communicate a reply later regarding membership of the League of Nations.

Angora welcomes the renewed assurances regarding the evacuation of Constantinople by Allied troops, and is convinced that the Allies appreciate the importance with which Angora awaits the realisation of this. The communication states that Angora is impressed by the appeal with which the Allied Note concludes, and assures the Allies of Angora's loyal and sincere assistance in re-establishing and maintaining peace.

DISCUSSIONS RESET WITH DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, October 5th.

The proposal that the conference should be held at Smyrna is not favoured in authoritative circles in London, owing to remoteness from the Allied capitals and probable lack of accommodation and facilities for communication.

It is noteworthy that the latter disadvantage is being felt in connection with the Mudania conference. The Cabinet is night had to adjourn in consequence of the non-receipt of details of yesterday's session. Thus there is at present no indication whether a satisfactory solution will be reached to-day, but this was not anticipated, since, as an authoritative statement says, the discussions are beset with difficulties, owing to the great divergence of interests at stake.

CONFERENCE SEPARATES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 5th. The Allied Generals are returning from Mudania this evening. No official statement regarding the causes of the separation of the conference has been issued.

COMBINED MEETING OF GENERALS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS.

LATER.

The Generals are returning in order to consult the High Commissioners on certain points that have arisen. There will be a combined meeting to-morrow morning, after which the Generals return to Mudania.

NEWS LESS SATISFACTORY: URGENT CABINET MEETING.

LONDON, October 5th. The Cabinet was hurriedly summoned at eleven last night, on account of the receipts of less satisfactory news from Mudania.

The Cabinet considered a despatch from General Harrington disclosing an unsatisfactory condition of affairs, and requested him to repeat the despatch, which was incomplete, owing to a wireless breakdown. General Harrington will meanwhile remain at Constantinople to await further instructions.

BRITISH WITHDRAWAL NOT CONSIDERED.

LATER.

The Cabinet separated after an hour and a half without definite decisions. The most unsatisfactory state of affairs shown by General Harrington's despatch is due to the attitude of the Turkish delegates on the question of interim military arrangements, which was to have been the subject of discussion at Mudania but has not yet been reached, through the desire of the Turks to introduce political issues entirely outside the scope of the conference.

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LATEST CABLES.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

CHIEF CHINESE DELEGATE INTERVIEWED.

GENEVA, October 5th.

Tang Tsai Fu, the principal Chinese Delegate to the League of Nations, interviewed by Reuters, said the Third Assembly of the League, whose labours were so fruitful and encouraging, gave him the impression, that the League possessed a growing vitality and from the moment that governments were thus animated by so much goodwill for the maintenance of peace and justice, this palace of humanity would never break down. The result of humanitarian works accomplished by the League of Nations, constituted a great relief to millions of suffering humanity. He believed the Assembly's most useful work related to disarmament, having opened up the path of hope on the road of light, which the Fourth Assembly, to be held next year, must illuminate.

Tang Tsai Fu was particularly gratified that the Assembly adopted the views of the Chinese Delegation, namely, that the restriction of manufacture and the prohibition of traffic in morphia should be as efficacious and effective as the measures regarding opium.

CHINA'S RE-ELECTION A SOURCE OF GRATIFICATION.

Referring to China's re-election to the Council of the Council of the League of Nations, he said that, the confidence thus manifested would produce its echo, and the Chinese nation, whose humanitarian and pacific sentiments were known from the remotest times, would not fail in its duties towards the League.

China was proud of occupying an important place in the League and would acquit herself in a dignified manner, making the greatest possible efforts to carry out the great responsibility she had assumed.

BRITISH COAL MINERS' DEMAND FOR HIGHER PAY.

REJECTED BY EMPLOYERS.

LONDON, October 5th.

At the meeting of the National Coal Board, mentioned in yesterday's cable messages, the proposals of the miners to increase wages, were rejected by the employers, who declared that they themselves required relief.

The representatives of the men have decided to ask the Prime Minister to receive a deputation on the subject of assisting the workmen in securing a living wage.

DEVELOPING TROPICAL AUSTRALIA.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION URGED.

MELBOURNE, October 5th.

Three members of the Federal Public Works Committee, after an extensive tour of the Northern Territory and mid-Australia, urge the adoption of a bold development policy, including the construction of developmental railways.

INTER-ALLIED INDEBTEDNESS.

FRANCE WILL SUBMIT CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME.

PARIS, October 5th.

When addressing the Chamber of Commerce, the Minister of Finance stated that France would submit a complete constructive programme, on the subject of inter-Allied indebtedness, at the forthcoming conference at Brussels. He said a short-term loan of twenty milliard francs would be issued for restoration of the devastated regions.

ITALIAN FASCISTI CAUSING MORE TROUBLE.

ROME, October 5th.

The Fascist have occupied the towns of Trent and Bolzano, in Trentino, as a protest against the alleged lenient attitude of the authorities towards the Austrian population.

The military dispositions in the neutral zone consequently have not been discussed, and the question of a British withdrawal from Chanak, concerning which erroneous reports have been published, has absolutely not been considered.

LATEST CABLES.

FOREST FIRES IN ONTARIO.

A BIG DEATH-ROLL.

TORONTO, October 5th.

Forest fires in North Ontario have wiped out the settlements at Halleybury, North Cobalt and other places. The death-roll already amounts to thirty and it is feared that many more are dead. One thousand people are homeless.

The fires are raging over an area of 2,500 square miles, while the damage is estimated at millions of dollars. Three relief trains have been despatched.

OBITUARY.

MARQUIS SOVERAL.

PARIS, October 5th.

The death is announced of Marquis Soveral, ex-Portuguese Minister in London. The deceased was a close friend of the late King Edward.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN MACHINERY FOR RUSSIA.

HUGE ELECTRICAL PLANT ORDER.

BERLIN, October 5th.

The first operation of the German consortium is the conclusion of an agreement by which the Siemens-Schuckert Works are to deliver an installation of materials valued at M. 400,000,000 to Moscow Electrical Works. The newspapers also state that a Russian order has been placed with the Siemens Co. for M. 25,000,000 for spare parts of turbines.

THE REHABILITATION OF EUROPE.

AMERICAN BANKERS RECOMMENDATIONS.

NEW YORK, October 5th.

Resolutions by the Committee of the Bankers' Conference urge the appointment of an American representative on the Reparation Commission and request an immediate declaration of principles under which the United States Government is willing to co-operate in the rehabilitation of Europe.

One of the resolutions recommends President Harding to exercise his powers under the Tariff Law to make any provision necessary for the restoration of international commerce until Europe improves.

OPENING OF RATHENAU MURDER TRIAL.

THIRTEEN PRISONERS ARRAIGNED.

BERLIN, October 5th.

The Rathenau murder trial was opened before the new state tribunal of three judges and four lay assessors representing various political parties specially appointed to try offences against the Republic. There are thirteen prisoners.

CANADIAN GRAND TRUNK RAILWAYS.

SIR HENRY THORNTON APPOINTED PRESIDENT.

OTTAWA, October 5th.

Sir Henry Thornton has been appointed President of the Canadian Northern Grand Trunk Railways at a salary of \$50,000 per annum.

NEW PRESIDENT OF REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

AMSTERDAM WATERSIDE STRIKE ENDED.

AMSTERDAM, October 5th.

The port strikers are resuming immediately.

TAXATION OF LUXURIES.

PROPOSED HIGHER CHINESE DUTIES ON WINES AND CIGARS.

The Asiatic News Agency states that instructions have been received by Admiral Tsai Tink-kan, Chief of the Chinese Customs Tariff Commission, from the Peking Government concerning the taxation of imported luxuries, such as wine, cigars, etc., from foreign countries into China. Admiral Tsai has been ordered to get copies of foreign customs tariff relating to duties on imported luxuries for the information and consideration of the Ministry of Finance and the Tariff Investigation Commission of Peking with a view to being prepared for the opening of the special Sino-Foreign Tariff Conference in Peking early next Spring in accordance with the resolutions adopted at Washington. The despatch from Peking anticipates serious opposition from France and other countries which are importing large quantities of foreign wine and other luxuries. Owing to the gradual enlightenment of the majority of the Chinese people, says the News Agency, foreign luxuries are fast becoming popular at the various treaty ports, wherefrom they flow to the interior markets of China to the great detriment of the masses.

THE TELEPHONE QUESTION.

CONDITIONS OF THE LICENCES IN INDIA.

In the Legislative Assembly, Simla, Colonel Sir S. D. A. Crookshank, replying to Sir D. P. Sarbadhikary's question regarding the license granted to the telephone companies in India, said:

The Bengal Telephone Company, Ltd., Calcutta, the Bombay Telephone Co., Ltd., Bombay, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., London, hold license granted under Section 4 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, in practically identical terms. The terms of the license were settled by the Government of India direct in 1903 without prior publication. The supplementary agreements were concluded after reference by the Government of India to the Local Governments concerned, and by the latter to the principal commercial bodies in the different places. No negotiations have been opened by the Government for any of the telephone companies taking over any of the Government trunk lines between various cities in India. The companies may charge up to Rs. 350 a year for connections, subject to the condition, in the case of Bombay, Ahmedabad and Kanachi, that the rate is not to exceed Rs. 300 until the telephone systems there have been converted to central battery or automatic working, with a view to securing greater efficiency. These limits do not appear to have been exceeded, so far as the Government of India are aware.

The Bengal Telephone Company does not propose at present to raise its maximum rate in Calcutta beyond Rs. 300. There are, therefore, no grounds for interference. The opportunity is taken to invite the Hon. Member's attention also to the provisions in the same clause of the agreements, to the effect that the rate, so far as it exceeds Rs. 300, in any case is subject to revision upwards or downwards, every five years, and that one-third of the net profits of the companies in excess of the 12½ per cent. in any year is to be divided, by way of rebate, among the telephone subscribers. — The Capital, September 14th.

TELEPHONES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LARGE OUTLAY BY GOVERNMENT.

The Government in South Africa has an extensive programme of telephone construction in hand. The Cape Town correspondent of The Chamber of Commerce Journal says that the Government intends to allot £500,000 for the purpose. "The expenditure of such a sum," he writes, "is fully justified by the country's need of telephone development and by the present sound financial standing of the Post Office. The Department has already planned out how best to expend the money placed at its disposal. About half the total sum allotted will be spent on the development of telephonic communication in the country districts of all the four provinces. Numerous small exchanges will be established and large numbers of farmers' lines will be laid. The other half is to go on service works, the expansion of the trunk system and the enlargement of inadequate exchanges in urban areas." — The F. Fishman.

WHEN CHINESE CUSTOMS DUTIES ARE INCREASED.

PROPOSED REDEMPTION OF LOANS.

During the Special Tariff Conference of the Chinese Chambers of Commerce in the Ministry of Finance at Peking on September 30th, the subject of the future redemption of various foreign and native loans and other credits was discussed by the representatives. The representative of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce suggested that after the increase of the Customs duties and the imposition of consumption and production taxes in the country, a certain portion of the proceeds should be set aside expressly for the redemption of the various foreign as well as native loans and advances, and that a special commission or committee, to be composed of foreign and Chinese financial experts, should be established in Peking to administer these matters in place of the Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs. The Shanghai representative, with the support of Chekiang and Tientsin representatives, insisted that in the formation of the Loans Committee, the number of foreign experts should be limited to one-third of the Chinese members. This proposal will be placed before the Government for consideration after further discussion between the representatives of the various Chambers of Commerce. — Asiatic News Agency.

"HANDLED WITH CARE."

CORONET'S WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

A particularly attractive programme is being offered at the Coronet this week-end. To-day there is to be an all-comedy bill consisting of the Harold Lloyd picture "Number Please," "Upstairs" (one of the funniest films Mabel Normand has ever appeared in) and a characteristic "Snub" production.

On Sunday a daintily produced picture called "Handled With Care" will be shown. The star in it is Grace Darmond, who has never been seen in Hongkong before but of whom a good deal will be seen later on, since she is well on the way to stardom. Briefly put, the story deals with a discontented wife who imagines that because she had half a dozen suitors before she was married, it will be a simple enough business to get someone to elope with her. She finds her mistake when she puts it up to several of them and they all try to be evasive. Another one flirts with the proposition, but when the discerning husband offers him the choice between his wife and a fat cheque he has no hesitation about taking the cheque. So it is that the wife learns that the only one who really loves her is her husband and all ends happily. A supporting film which should prove of considerable interest is a Cantonese depicting army manoeuvres and other episodes of local interest.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS.

THE KEENNESS OF LEAGUE GAMES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, August 23rd.

The Soccer season has had a most successful opening, and judging by the attendances at the games the enthusiasm for the winter sport promises to be even greater than on any previous year. Other features were the remarkable keenness with which the League engagements were contested and the closeness of the results, both of which can be traced to the conditions now obtaining through the promotion and relegation provisions. Recognising the value of every point gained at this stage, all the teams entered the fray with a zest which already resulted in quite a number of the players being put on the injured list. The Rangers Club furnish a case in point. They have played two League matches, and in each have had their centre-forward injured. The Rangers are better situated than most clubs in the matter of reserves, or the state of affairs would be very serious. Automatic promotion has its shortcomings; and one is that, generally speaking, the finer points of the game are forced into the background. There was no result of a sensational nature, but it was somewhat surprising to find Rangers defeat Third Lanark so easily. A few new-comers in the League, had a baptism by having to meet Rangers and Celtic; in the circumstances they did remarkably well, and showed promise.

Rangers, 2; Alloa, 0.
St. Mirren, 1; Hamilton, 1.
Kilmarnock, 1; Aberdeen, 1.
Hibernians, 1; Falkirk, 0.
Dundee, 1; Aberdeen, 1.
Hamilton, 0; Airdrie, 1.
Albion Rovers, 1; Kilmarnock, 1.
Alloa, 2; Celtic, 3.
Ayr, 1; St. Mirren, 1.
Clyde, 1; Hearts, 1.
Falkirk, 1; Raith Rovers, 1.
Hibernians, 1; Partick Thistle, 0.
Morton, 2; Motherwell, 0.
Rangers, 2; Third Lanark, 1.

CRICKET.

As was expected, Aberdeenshire managed to draw with Stirling County, and thus assured themselves beyond doubt of the County Championship for the second year in succession. But it was time that saved them from defeat.

Only one game now remains to be played, but whatever the results the positions on the table of merit are now decided. Clackmannan, the most improved side in the competition, take the place next the champions, with Fifeshire close up. Stirlingshire, who have yet to meet Forfarshire, cannot escape from the position at the foot of the table. And all Forfarshire can hope to do is to finish with their great rivals, Perthshire, who presently occupy the fourth position.

Stirling County, 146; Aberdeenshire, 68 for 10.

Perthshire, 317; Fifeshire, 107 for 6.
Poole, 182; West, 113.
Fergallie, 110 for 5; Kilmarnock, 107.
Glas. Academicals, 120; Cartha, 88.
Forfarshire 111; Arbroath, 78.
Stewartonians, 185 for 8; Leith Franklin, 125.

GRANGE C.C.

Our Premier Club, the Grange Cricket Club, have completed another successful season. They have now weathered the effects of the war, from which they suffered more than most clubs. They played 35 matches, 17 of which were won, the same number drawn, and one lost—namely against Oxford Authentics. Runs to the number 0,770 were scored for the loss of 233 wickets, and the opponents of the club scored 4,041 for the loss of 313 wickets. B. G. Melle heads the batting averages with 45.27 for 14 innings, in which there five not-outs. Prominent also with the ball, he has this analysis—252 overs, 72 maidens, 556 runs, 60 wickets—10.03. It is remarkable that not one of the players scored a century, the nearest being 97 not out by L. G. G. Starchan. It is hoped that Grange will renew their old missionary propaganda next season by running two eleven. Grange is one of the big sporting institutions of Scotland, and every cricketer takes an interest in its doings.

NORTHERN GOLF TOURNAMENTS.

There was a great deal of interesting play in the more Northern tournaments last week. The Dornock event derived added importance from the presence of Mr. E. W. Holderness, the Amateur Champion, who was unable to take part in the American tour. Mr. Holderness, who is an official at the Home Office and has made the admission that he is half a Scotsman, spent a golfing holiday in Sutherlandshire. Starting three behind scratch, he was set a stiff task, and although not exhibiting his best form, qualified for the final in the Carnegie Shield competition. He had to concede eight strokes, and found the handicap rather too much to carry. Over the sporting Pithchery course, Mr. T. D. Osgood, the brilliant St. Andrew's golfer, who took the Amateur Championship to the 19th green, won the Highland Tournament for the second year in succession. Mr. T. A. Torrance, the Scottish Internationalist, after playing havoc with the record figures at Berrinton, was in fine form at Nairn. In the final, however, it was only a magnificent approach to the home hole that gave him a win over Mr. J. Birnie, Inverness. These tournaments are excellent tests for our amateurs, and the quality of the play may be judged from the fact that at Pithchery 75 per cent. of the entrants were players of two handicap and under.

JAZZ AT KOWLOON.

TO-NIGHT'S SPECIAL SURPRISE DANCE.

The International Variety Company which, with its "electric super jazz band" and its shimmy shakers, had been creating something of a sensation across the harbour is to be at the Kowloon Theatre to-night when a special dance is to take place. The jazz band will, of course, furnish the music for the dancing and sandwiched in between the dances will be vocal and terpsichorean numbers by the rest of the company. The dance alone or the show alone would be an attraction hard to resist; this combination of the two should break all box-office records.

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GIRL UNDERGRADUATES ROMANCE.

YOUNG ENGLISH PEER AND AN ITALIAN VIOLINIST.

A young English peer, a girl under-
graduate from a famous University, and
a violinist from the orchestra of a well-
known London club, are the central
figures in a remarkable romance which, as
reported in the *Illustrated Press* has been
exciting great interest there.

The girl is described as the daughter
of a British Army officer of high rank,
at present serving abroad. It was her
father's desire that she should marry the
young peer, but she seems to have re-
fused to do so, and some time ago she
disappeared from home. In her bedroom
was found a diary, which furnished a
clue to the mystery of her departure.

An Italian violinist from the orchestra
of the club already referred to, had also
disappeared suddenly, and Lord X., sus-
pecting that the two incidents were
related, immediately left England in
search.

In France the quest proved unavailing.
In Italy, too, it at first yielded no result,
but on paying a second visit to Naples
Lord X. heard that the girl was acting
as a waitress at a restaurant which is
managed by some ex-artistocrats of the
old Russian regime. To this restaurant
he promptly repaired.

The glass of beer which he ordered was
brought by the girl herself, but when he
suggested that she should leave the place
with him she exclaimed: "Oh! you are
Lord X." and bursting into laughter
vanished again. That same night she left
Naples and the next day was reported
to be in Bologna with the violinist.

The Englishman followed them and
encountering the Italian, produced (so
it is said) a brace of pistols, with the
suggestion that either he or the gentle-
man of the bow should die and that the
survivor should take the girl back to her
father's house. The sequel to this melo-
dramatic proposal was that a duel was
arranged for the following morning.

At this point, however, the romance
collapses. It has to be chronicled that
during the night the violinist, without
any flourish, executed a passage *presto*
in *paradiso* and left Bologna *glissando*.

The girl then decided to join the
young peer, and the purchase of two
tickets for London constituted the coda.

EAT LITTLE, LIVE LONG.

ADVICE OF THREE CENTENARIANS.

The collective wisdom of three centen-
arians who unanimously brand over-eating
as the greatest cause of ill-health and
premature death is made available now
through a coincidence. Two centen-
arians, Mr. John A. Stewart, the oldest
American banker, and Mr. Baz Spangler,
president of the First National Bank of
Lancaster, Pennsylvania, celebrated their
hundredth birthdays recently on the
same day. The third is Dr. Stephen
Smith, father of American public health,
who died, also on the same day within
a few weeks of completing a century of
life.

A favourite saying of Dr. Smith was:
"Every man who dies before 100 prac-
tically speaking dies by his own knife
and fork."

His ten maxims are:
Eat hardly any meat.
Drink lots of milk: if it disagrees with
you, drink more.
Take a 10 or 15 minutes' nap after
luncheon and dinner.
Sleep 10 hours.
Sleep out of doors when the weather
permits.
Don't smoke.
Don't eat sweets.
No alcoholic or other stimulants.
Avoid the easy chair; absence of work
is the first step to the grave.
Just be natural.

Mr. John A. Stewart's great rule is
moderation. Eating too much is as bad
as drinking too much, he says.

Mr. Spangler attributes his long life to
moderate eating—"I take but two meals
a day."

REGAINING CASTE.

PURIFICATION CEREMONIES FOR HINDU VICTIMS IN MALABAR.

An important meeting of Vaideekian
Brahmins, convened by the Zamorin of
Calicut to consider the difficult problem of
the re-admission into caste of Hindus, who
had been forcibly converted by Moplahs
during the rebellion, was held at Calicut
recently.

After a discussion lasting a couple of hours
several resolutions were adopted for applica-
tion in the case of Non-Brahmin Hindus.

The meeting resolved that in cases of
tuff-cutting, the repeating of the wearing of
the sacred thread, the victims should take
"punahyan" for three days at a temple,
make whatever offerings they can and repeat
"Narayana" or "Siva" at least 3,000 times
daily. In cases of circumcision and co-habitation
the expiation is as above, but the
prayers would have to be repeated 12,000
times daily for twelve days. In cases of
eating of food cooked by Moplahs the
victims should wash their arms away in the
sacred Seta and obtain a certificate from
the temple authorities or the "punahita"
and then observe the ceremonies prescribed
in the above-mentioned cases.

Since not specified in the above decisions
are to be expiated by ceremonies mentioned
in the first resolution for 21 days,
"Narayana" or "Siva" being repeated
12,000 times daily.

With the view of facilitating the per-
formance of the ceremonies, it was fur-
ther resolved that they should be re-
garded as having been performed if cer-
tificates to that effect were obtained from
the officers or managers of the temples
concerned. The certificates would have to
be submitted to the Zamorin who would
thereupon declare formally that the sins
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A CANADIAN CRITICISM.

Mrs. W. T. Hallam, one of the Canadian
delegates to the International Federation
of University Women in Paris last month,
says:—

"One could find no more charming
women than those of old France, who, as
our hostesses, were gracious and attentive
during our visit. The American dele-
gates, who numbered over a hundred, were
cultured Christian women, wholly delig-
htful to meet. On the other hand, the Eng-
lish University women, I think, is making
a grave mistake in aping man. Her
interests are no longer in the home or in
the training of children, except from the
academic standpoint, but rather in a
fight for recognition in the professions.
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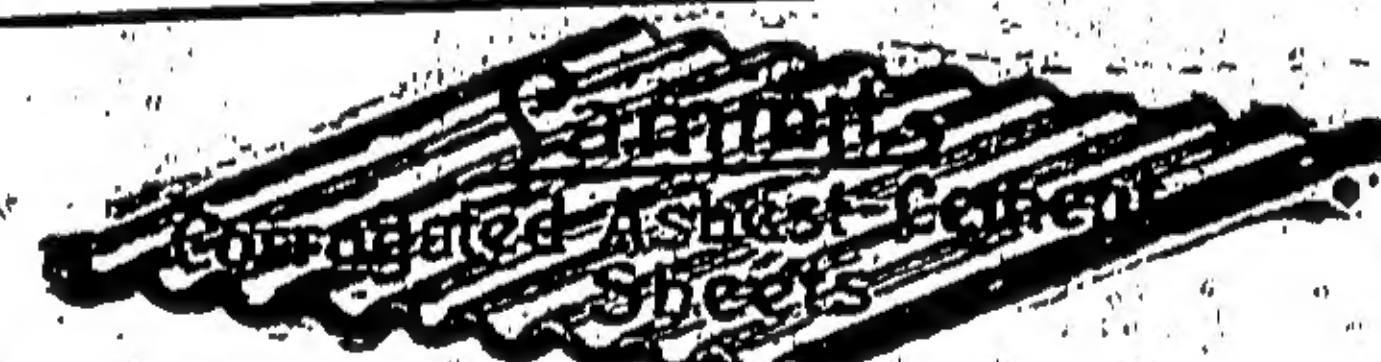
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